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PLANT A TREE IN BEAVERTON TO CELEBRATE 'TREE CITY USA' DESIGNATION AND OREGON'S 150TH

Beaverton, Oregon (April 7, 2009) – Join Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, members of the Beaverton City Council, the City of Beaverton's arborist, Pat Hoff, and representatives from Friends of Trees and the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District at an Arbor Day tree planting to celebrate Beaverton's 15 years as a 'Tree City USA' and Oregon's Sesquicentennial. Forty trees, including Oregon Oak, Western Red Cedar and Douglas Fir, will be planted in a community celebration on Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. in Greenway Park (Greenway Blvd. between Hall Blvd. and Scholls Ferry Road). The event will be part of "The Great Oregon Tree Plant" in honor of Oregon's 150th birthday.

"When a tree is planted in Beaverton, we're adding to the livability of our community as well as the quality of our environment," said Mayor Doyle. "Trees can provide more than just a shady spot for a summer picnic. They help conserve energy, reduce storm-water runoff and improve the air we breathe."

Beaverton has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 15 years. In order to be recognized as a Tree City USA, communities must meet four requirements which include: having a designated tree board, forestry professional or city department responsible for the care of trees in the community; passing a tree care ordinance; having an active forestry program in place; and proclaiming and hosting an Arbor Day celebration. There are more than 5,400 street trees in Beaverton and new trees are added each year to enhance the quality of the neighborhood environment. On March 30, Mayor Denny Doyle proclaimed the week of April 5th through 11th as Arbor Week in Beaverton.

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